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Applicant : Ray, et al.
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Filing Date : December 20, 2001
For : Electrochemical Cell Having Venting Current Collector and Seal Assembly
Art Unit : 1745

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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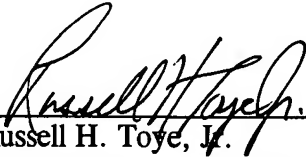
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